

SENATE RESOLUTION 220

By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Judy Faye Peebles for her outstanding service to Tennessee's youth as an educator.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Judy Faye Peebles is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peebles has long known the tremendous value of education and been dedicated to promoting and pursuing knowledge in her personal life as well as in her career; she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University in 1978 and a Master of Education degree from Tusculum College in 1987 and completed forty-five additional graduate hours in 1992 and a Reading Certification in 2003-03 from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, for more than a quarter century, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator; currently, she employs her supreme talents as an Instructional Resource Teacher at Ida B. Wells Academy, where she has also taught English; she has also enlightened young minds at Coleman, Gordon, Graves, and Douglass Elementary Schools since she first stepped in front of a class as a professional in 1978; and

WHEREAS, at every post during her outstanding career, Ms. Peebles has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of her students and their parents for the exemplary quality of her service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peebles is a true leader among her peers, having served as Chairperson of Special Education, the School Budget, and *Read Across America*, as Coordinator for the Middle School Reading Network, the Parents Make a Difference Annual Convention, the Spelling Bee, Newspaper in Education, Literacy Professional Development, and Saturday Success School, and as a mentor for new teachers, sharing her incredible wisdom and experience with those who lead the children of Tennessee into their adult lives; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to her students and their families extends beyond the school day, as she sponsors numerous extracurricular activities, including My Hero Month, the Parent Career Fair, a community career fair, and the Parents and Volunteers Appreciation Dinner; and

WHEREAS, this laudable educator strives to remain aware of all new educational trends and endeavors to maximize her effectiveness as a teacher through membership and participation in such organizations as the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Council for Exceptional Children, National Education Association, International Reading Association, Memphis Education Association, National Middle School Association, and Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, her professional excellence is obvious to all, and it has led to her receipt of numerous honors and accolades recognizing the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peebles has received such prestigious honors as the Memphis City Law Division Distinguished Educator Award, the Memphis Urban League "Doing the Right Thing" Award, the Rotary Award of Teacher Excellence, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and recognition as an All-USA Teacher; she also won Memphis Education's "My Favorite Teacher" honors for the Middle School category and has applied for and received three Rotary Teacher Grants, a Goals 2000 Grant, a Scholastic Read 180 Grant, and two Title V Grants to fund and promote her innovative efforts to serve her students in ways that otherwise might not be possible; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to the leadership, mentoring, and education provided by this laudable educator, her students have earned a wide array of prestigious honors and excelled in scholastic competitions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peebles truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and invaluable member of her community and has positively impacted numerous community organizations and causes, including the Friends of the Memphis Shelby County Library, the Memphis Zoo, Memphis in May, the Math-a-Thon, Bowling on the River for Junior Achievement, the Red Cross, MIFA, Read to Succeed for the Frayser Community, the National Civil Rights Museum, the Humane Society, and Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peebles truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Judy Faye Peebles for her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.